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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to reorient the training process and modernise the Territorial Army in the country in view of the changing internal security scenario; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following measures have already been undertaken -

(i) collective training under centralised arrangements for all TA officers for streamlining, standardising and sharpening of the training skills with emphasis on counter insurgency operations,

(ii) courses at Army training institutions at par with regular army personnel,

(iii) attachment with regular army for training purposes,

(iv) enhancement of duration of operation oriented exercises; and

(v) attachment of TA personnel with Army/Rashtriya Rifles units in intense counter insurgency environment, as a trial measure.

Other measures such as enhancement of duration of basic recruit training of infantry battalions, graduation of TA personnel onto 5.56 mm INSAS Rifles and use of computers by infantry battalions for enhancing their information technology skills are also being contemplated.